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SONIC

THE COMIC

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KNUCKLES

TAILS

THREE NEW STORIES!

**STICK IT
TO 'EM!**

**SONIC 2 Q ZONE!
TIN TIN REVIEW!**



NIGHTS NEWS!
SEGA's LATEST SATURN RELEASE!

FREE STICKERS
MISSING?
ALERT YOUR
NEWSAGENT
NOW!



Hey, Boomers!

So what if the summer's gone - welcome to STC's hot and sticky issue! I'm referring of course to the set of four free Sonic the Stickers! Developed for those all important places like school bags (uggh!), they're designed to, well, stick just about anywhere you can get away with. Not only is there a free gift this issue, Boomers, but once again, there's three new stories...

Nastiness abounds as Sonic confronts a shifty looking character in Mister Shifter. Plus, Knuckles begins another new adventure in The Good, The Bad and The Echidna, and Tails rescues a stranger from an attack of the Badniks in Easy Target.

It's time to make a NIGHT of it with Sega's sizzling new game, which is on sale right now. You can read all about NIGHTS in the centre pages, plus, there's an outstanding NIGHTS pin-up on the back cover (and there'll be another one next issue, and the issue after that!). What with the second part of Sonic's World, reviews on Tin Tin and Shining Wisdom, you don't have to thank me, just spread the STC word!

Megadroid

COTTON PICKIN' T-SHIRT WINNERS!

Remember we asked you back in STC 79 to name the famous London site which is home to Segaworld? Well, the correct answer is The Treadadero in London's Piccadilly Circus. Here's the 80 winners who win a Sega T-shirt. Well done, and thanks to each Boomer who entered.

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MEGA DRIVE

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- 2 ↓ OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES
- 3 ↓ FIFA SOCCER '96
- 4 ↓ TOY STORY
- 5 ↑ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 6 ↑ PGA TOUR GOLF '96
- 7 ↓ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 8 ↑ SONIC AND KNUCKLES
- 9 ↑ MEGA BOMBERMAN
- 10 RE STREETS OF RAGE 2

SATURN

- 1 ↑ THE NEED FOR SPEED
- 2 ↑ VIRTUA COP
- 3 NEW SHINING WISDOM
- 4 NEW GUN GRIFFIN
- 5 ↑ BAKU BAKU
- 6 ● GUARDIAN HEROES
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- 9 ↓ FIFA SOCCER '96
- 10 ↓ VIRTUA FIGHTER 2

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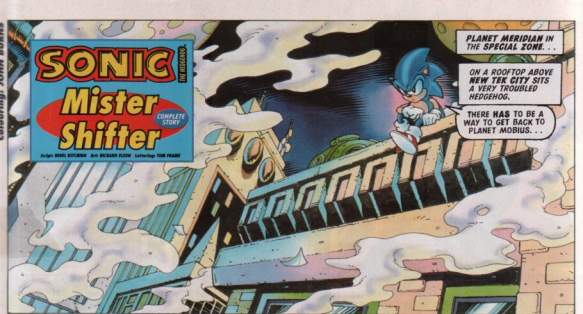
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- 4 ↓ SOULSTAR
- 5 RE BATMAN RETURNS
- 6 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 7 ↓ THUNDERHAWK
- 8 ↓ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 9 ↓ TOMCAT ALLEY
- 10 ↓ JETWORM JIM

GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ THE LION KING
- 2 ↑ COLUMNS
- 3 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 4 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 5 ↓ SONIC CHAOS
- 6 RE COSMIC SPACEHEAD
- 7 RE MORTAL KOMBAT 3
- 8 ↓ STAR TREK: GENERATIONS
- 9 RE POWER RANGERS: THE MOVIE
- 10 RE SONIC DRIFT RACING

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SONIC

Mister Shifter

THE ADVENTURE
COMPLETE STORY

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PLANET MERIDIAN IN THE SPECIAL ZONE...

ON A ROOFTOP ABOVE NEW TEK CITY SITS A VERY TROUBLED HEDGEHOG.

THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO GET BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS...



BUT WITH THE OMNI-VIEWER* OUT OF ACTION AND NO STAR POSTS, I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER WAY TO TRAVEL BETWEEN DIMENSIONS!

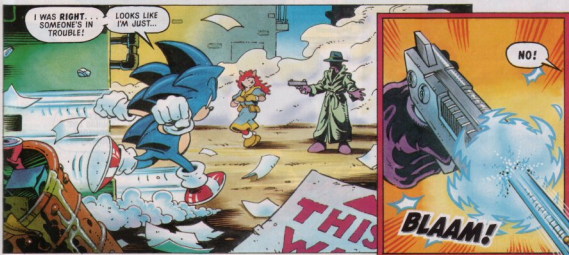
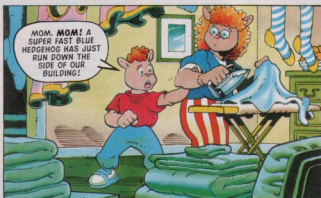
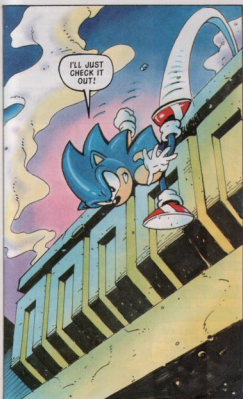
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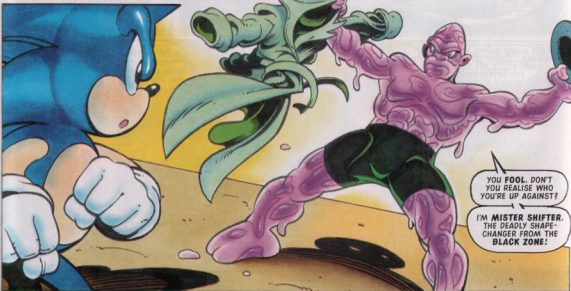
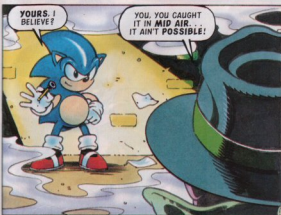


I JUST HOPE TAILS AND THE GANG ARE DOING OKAY WITHOUT ME... HOPEFULLY, ROBOTNIK WON'T NOTICE THAT I'VE GONE YET...



WHAT? THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE SCREAMING!





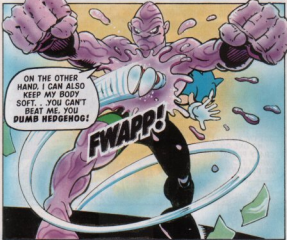


YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT JUST A BIG, UGLY, PURPLE GUY, WHO'S MADE OF PLASTICINE!



YOU JERK, I'M MADE OUT OF RADIOACTIVE META-CLAY, WHICH I CAN HARDEN TO THE CONSISTENCY OF CONCRETE!

WHROKK!



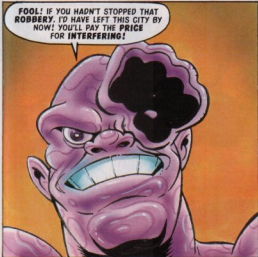
ON THE OTHER HAND, I CAN ALSO KEEP MY BODY SOFT... YOU CAN'T BEAT ME, YOU DUMB HEDGEHOG!

FWÄPP!



WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

BAPP!



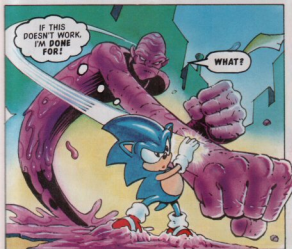
FOOL! IF YOU HADN'T STOPPED THAT ROBBERY, I'D HAVE LEFT THIS CITY BY NOW! YOU'LL PAY THE PRICE FOR INTERFERING!

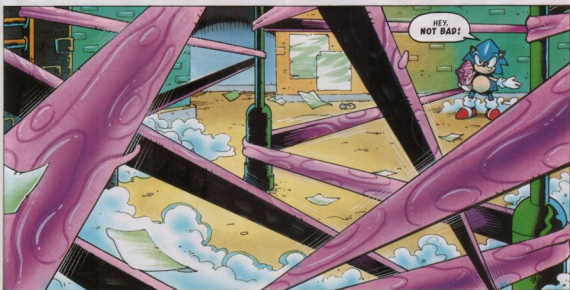


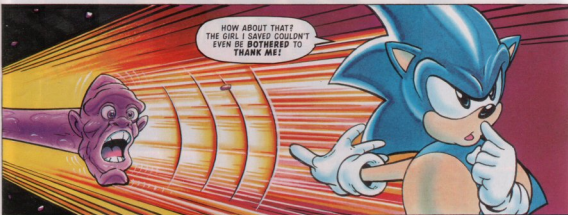
MY FEET, WHAT?

HAHAHAHA!

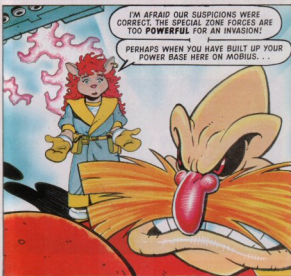
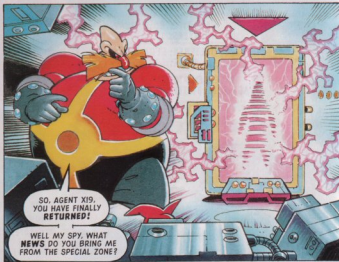
LET'S SEE HOW FAST YOU CAN RUN NOW!







AT THAT INSTANT IN CITADEL ROBOTNIK,
METROPOLIS ZONE!



NEXT ISSUE: THE ULTIMATE NIGHTMARE!

REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 - YAWNSVILLE

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70-80 - FUN CITY

80-90 - BIG TIME CITY
OVER 90 - MEGA CITY

SHINING WISDOM

Reviewed by David Gibbon

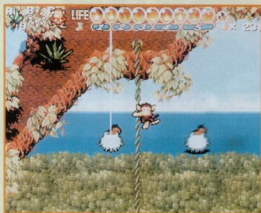
SATURN

SATURN

GAME TYPE: ROLE-PLAYING
PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £39.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



Role-playing games, where the controller is the hero/heroine and interacts with characters, sell as fast as rice cakes in Japan! Because of this, Sega have selected the best games and converted them for the UK market, hence *Shining Wisdom*.

Here's the story behind the game: as controller, you play a guard for the King of Odegan, ruler of the largest kingdom in all of Palacia (who thought up these names?). It's your job to defend the King with your life - apparently, old Japanese tradition say, it's the honourable thing to do!

Starting off at your grandparents' home, you get the chance to explore the place and find out



some interesting tales from the local folk. The game allows you to carry out magic spells, pick up treasure, climb vines - and you're able to talk to people!

Graphically, *Shining Wisdom* looks more 'Mega Drive-ish' than 32-bit Saturn generated. However, the gameplay really excels. It's handy that this game includes a save option, because it has a maze of levels and things to do. It'll take ages to complete, but all will be revealed as you go along.

FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

A huge game
- good value
for money!



GRAPHICS 78

SOUND 62

GRAVES

Takes an
age to
complete!



PLAYABILITY 87

OVERALL 84

TIN TIN IN TIBET

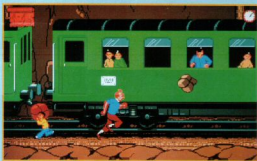
Reviewed by David Gibbon



GAME TYPE: ACTION ADVENTURE
PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: INFOGRADES
PRICE: £39.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



Which cartoon character is so popular that the TV series is shown in 35 different countries, and whose comic sells over four million copies a year? Sonic, you say? Well, actually it's Tin Tin - the investigative newspaper journalist who has adventures with his faithful dog, Snowy! Well, the good news is that now there's a Mega Drive game available called *Tin Tin in Tibet*, based on this historic comic book character.

The object of the game is to help Tin Tin find his missing friend, T Chang. The game is played over 13 levels, each one giving the hero a different task to complete. The levels include The Train where Tin Tin dodges parcels as they fall from a moving train, then with the aid of boxes, he has to cross a



dangerous bridge, complete with broken track - no mean feat! The Falaise level features Tin Tin and the Captain using ropes to climb up the side of a mountain and help them through a snow storm, in order to defeat the Yeti in Bigfoot's den. Things get even more weird and wacky as the game progresses!

Tin Tin's range of moves include walking, running, bending and swimming, picking up objects



and speaking to characters! Graphically, the game is excellent with Tin Tin using 650 frames of animation alone,

enabling him to move backwards and forwards on the screen and really capture the look of the original cartoon.

Although *Tin Tin in Tibet* is basically a platform game with add-ons, the range and variety of tasks makes it stand out from the crowd.



FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

Action with plenty of variation!



GRAPHICS 84

SOUND 72

GRAVES

Some tasks could be difficult for younger players.



PLAYABILITY 82

OVERALL 81

NEW
STORY

ONLY THE GREAT
MOBIAN PRAIRIE
STANDS BETWEEN
KNUCKLES
AND THE METROPOLIS
ZONE AND THE
HOPE OF RETURNING
TO THE FLOATING
ISLAND.

KNUCKLES™

THE GOOD,
THE BAD
AND THE
ECHIDNA

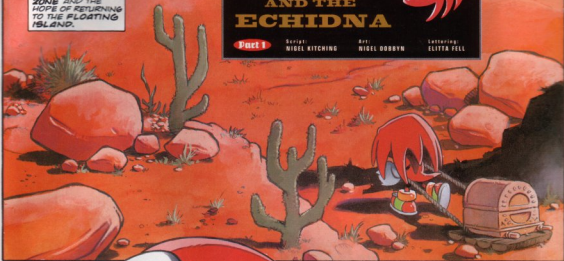


Part 1

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Art:
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Lettering:
ELITTA FELL



AND IT'S A VERY
LONG WAY WHEN
YOU'RE DRAGGING
A CHEST FULL OF
ANCIENT FLOAT-
ING ISLAND
DOCUMENTS.

I'VE
BEEN AWAY FROM
THE FLOATING ISLAND
FOR A LONG TIME... I
HOPE EVERYTHING'S
OKAY!







CAN YOU SEE HIM, AMIGO?

NOPE!
CAN'T SAY
THAT I
DO!



QUEEKLY,
ROUND UP THE
HERD! DON'T LET
THEM GET
AWAY!

OKAY,
CHITO,
WE'LL GET
RIGHT ON
IT!



WHAT
D'YA RECKON, CHITO?
YOU THINK HE COULDA
LIVED THROUGH
THIS?

I DON'T
THEENK **ANYONE**
COULD LIVE THROUGH
A STAMPEDE OF
APTERIX, MY
FRIEND!



DON'T
COUNT ME OUT
TOO SOON,
PARTNERS!

ROOSTER,
YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!



IT SURE
WAS A **CLOSE**
CALL! I MANAGED
TO FIND MYSELF
SOME COVER JUST
IN TIME!

BUT
I CAN'T FIGURE
OUT WHAT MADE
THEM **VARMINTS**
STAMPEDE IN
THE FIRST
PLACE!





ER,
HELLO.

THOSE
CREATURES
BELONG TO
YOU, DO
THEY?



WELL
ROOSTER, NOW
I THINK WE KNOW
WHO **STARTED** THE
STAMPEDE!



BOSS
KROUCH SENT YOU
TO **SABOTAGE** OUR
HERD. DIDN'T HE,
SEÑOR?

I REALLY
DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT!



QUEEKLY,
USE THE PROP ON
HEEM!

NOW
JUST CALM
DOWN, YOU'RE
MAKING A **BIG**
MISTAKE!

CHICO,
MAYBE WE
SHOULD...



HEEHEHE!
JUST LOOK AT HEEM
WRIGGLE!

AAAAGGH!



LOOK AMIGO, IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR APTERIX HERD TO METROPOLIS CITY, YOU'RE RUINED! YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM!



WE'RE NOT FAR FROM **BACKWATER CITY**! THE SHERIFF THERE WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HEEM!

WHILE WE'RE GONE THE GUYS CAN CONTINUE TO DRIVE THE HERD... WE'LL BE BACK IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!



NIGHTS

NEWS!

by Christopher Jones



Nights

into dreams...



Big in Japan
(as well as the
rest of the
world);
Yuji Naka!

A game so breathtaking and enjoyable, which uses the Saturn system to the max, has just been turned into reality...

NIGHTS has been created by the team that brought you the Sonic games. Led by Japanese programming genius, Yuji Naka, Sega wanted them to come up with the best Saturn game ever... and NIGHTS was created.

The story behind NIGHTS revolves around the dream

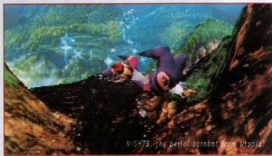
world of Nightopia where our dreams are played out. An evil being named Wizeman the Wicked, is gaining tremendous power in this domain through his creations - the Nightmares. He uses an army of evil Nightmares to capture precious dream energy from humans. If he is not stopped, he will rise from the dream world and enter our world. No power on earth will be able to stop him. As Wizeman's horrible Nightmares start fulfilling this dastardly plan, a Nightopian escapes from the battle to beg one girl and one boy to help in saving both the dream world and the waking world from this evil being. Elliot and Claris are the young folk chosen to take on the Wizeman.

Elliot and Claris are special as they possess red ideya - a rare courage or energy. This enables them to face off against the horrors that lurk inside the world of dreams. When these two enter Nightopia it is clear

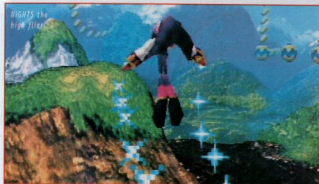


Claris and Elliot...

that they need to recapture four other types of dream energy; white, green, yellow and blue ideya must all be recovered. To do this, they need the help of NIGHTS, a brave Nightopian aerial acrobat who has refused to help the Wizeman with his evil schemes. NIGHTS knows that because Claris and Elliot have red ideya, he can merge with either of them and fly his way round Nightopia in an attempt to recover the other energies.



NIGHTS, the Aerial Acrobat from Nightopia!



There is so much to do in this game. You can perform aerial tricks for bonuses and experience many different dreamscapes, from the Spring Valley to the Frozen Bell; an icy world. Fighting off the evil Nightmarens is also called for, and one impressive way which *NIGHTS* does this, is by performing a paraloop. This entails a loop-the-loop which makes *NIGHTS* flight tail cross over itself, creating a vortex inside the gap which sucks in all his enemies in the vicinity! A new artificial-life-intelligence system is also a part of this game. The Nightopians who live in Nightopia are cute,

cuddly Flicky-type creatures that have the ability to multiply and act differently in every game. If you land on them or hurt them then they won't be nice to you!

NIGHTS looks set to take on the world! Only seeing it and playing it can give you an idea of how impressive it actually is. Graphics, gameplay, sound and ability are a different class. A new Analogue joystick has also been specially produced to get a looser, easier to roll feel when you're flying *NIGHTS* around his groovy world. The game and joystick are on sale now for £59.99, although you will be able to buy both separately. It is a true benchmark game for the Saturn system.



Playing the game, **NIGHTS**, involves learning how to fly with the character, **NIGHTS**! Using the new Analogue joystick you can fly **NIGHTS** around to your hearts content. The fluidity of the animation and the graceful way in which it all moves is truly outstanding. The landscapes are colourful, and as **NIGHTS** paraloops, spins and charges around his universe, you must remember that his task is to collect blue crystals against the clock, so as to recapture the different ideyas.



NEXT ISSUE: ELLIOT PIN-UP!

TAILS Easy Target

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COMPLETE
STORY

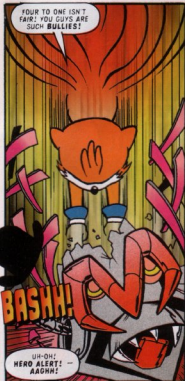


WITH THE CONSTANT THREAT OF A BADNIK ATTACK, LIFE ON PLANET MOBIUS IS NEVER PEACEFUL FOR LONG...

LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY COULD DO WITH SOME HELP!

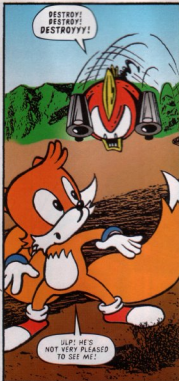


FOUR TO ONE ISN'T FAIR! YOU GUYS ARE SUCH BULLIES!



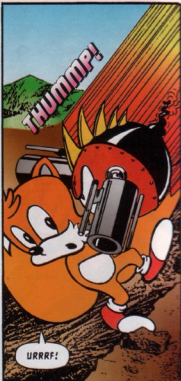
UH-OH! HERO ALERT! —
AAGHH!

DESTROY!
DESTROY!
DESTROYYY!

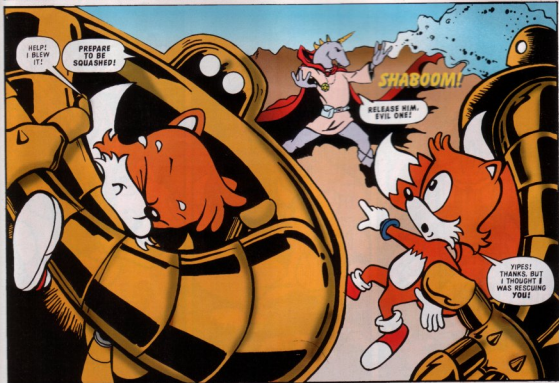
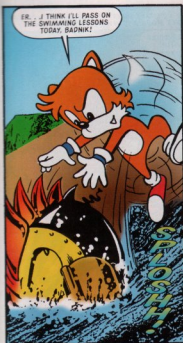


UUP! HE'S NOT VERY PLEASD TO SEE ME!

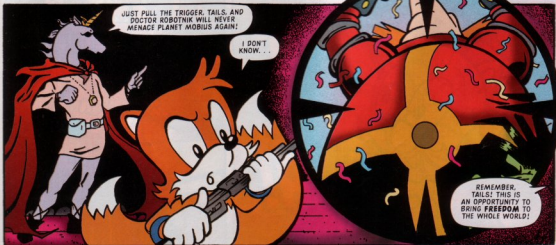
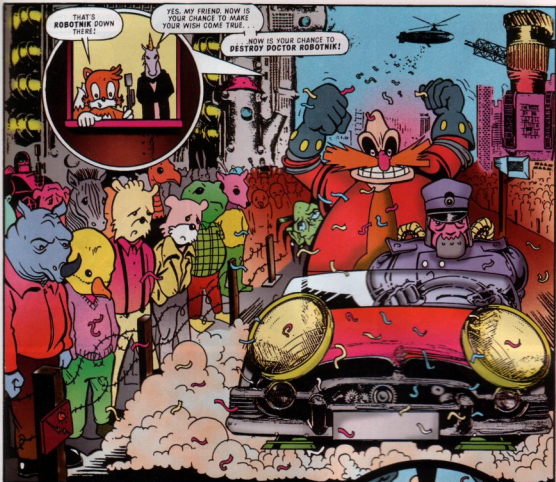
THUMPK!



URRRF!









FWOOSH!





ZONE

Q IS FOR QUESTION.

Q IS FOR QUERY.

Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2 REVISITED-PART 2

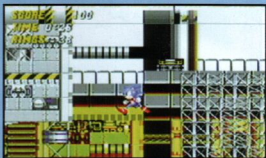


MEGA DRIVE

HINTS & TIPS

LEVEL SELECT

Go to the options screen and select the sound test. Play sounds 19, 65, 09 and 17. Now reset the machine and hold down A whilst pressing Start on the title screen. Bingo! You can now go off to a level of your choice.



TURN INTO SUPER SONIC

Do the above level select cheat, then play these tunes on the level select screen: 04, 01, 02, and 06. Select your starting level and proceed to collect 50 rings. Press button B and C together to transform Sonic into Super Sonic.

STARTING THE GAME WITH 14 CONTINUES

Go to the options screen and play the following tunes: 19, 65, 09, 17, 01, 01, 02 and 04. Next, highlight Player Select and press Start. You'll now begin on level one with 14 continues.

CHANGE THINGS AROUND

Enter the level select cheat. Next, enter the following codes using the Sound Test option on the Level Select screen: 01, 09, 09, 02, 01, 01, 02 and 04. Observant Boomers will realise that this spells out the date for 'Sonic 2sday' (24/11/1992), that memorable day when Sonic 2 was unleashed on the world!

Select the stage that you want to start from and hold down A and Start. You may notice the score is scrambled, but don't worry as this won't effect the game. Pressing B will change Sonic into part of the scenery. The A button enables you to go through the objects, so you may place anything from a spike to a ring on-screen (selecting C will place the chosen object into the game). If you want to return to the game just press B.



MASTER
SYSTEM



GAME
GEAR

SKY HIGH ZONE

Most Boomers have found the hang-glider tricky to control. However, the main thing to remember is to first take a run-up as this gives you more lift once you're in the air. Keep pressing left on the D-pad and release, as this makes the glider go up, as well as slowing it down. The wind will also give you a push, making it easier to reach the next platform safely. Remember that the faster the pace you're travelling at on take off, the further you'll go in the air. Also, try not to press left on the D-pad too frequently (unless you're falling) as this slows you down.

DISCOVER HIDDEN LEVELS

LEVEL SELECT

To activate, first make sure your machine is turned off. Plug your control pad into port 2 and press Up, Left diagonal and buttons 1 and 2 simultaneously. Turn the console on and, keeping all of the aforementioned pressed on your joystick, wait until Sonic runs completely across the screen. Let go and plug the controller into port 1, press button 2 twice, and the level select screen will appear.



LEVEL CHEAT

When the Sega logo disappears, press Up, Left and both buttons on the joystick in port 2 and slowly count to twelve. Now hold down, Up and Right and count to five. Press Up, Left and the two buttons again. When Doctor Robotnik goes off the top right of the oval, press Up and Right until both Sonic and Tails appear. Plug your joystick into port 1, press button 2 and a level cheat will appear.

EXTRA LIVES

Start by going to Sky High Zone Act 2, and go to the bottom of the level and pick up the invincibility TV. Jump onto the ledge above it, go right across the spikes and pick up the extra life. Now go away and come back and the life will be there again. Repeat this to gain as many lives as you require.



NEXT ISSUE: More **Sonic 2**

- Chaos Emeralds! Plus, **Sonic 3** part 1!

SONIC'S WORLD

Future Shock

Part 2

Script: LEM STRICKER Art: ROBERTO CORONA Coloring: ANDY PRITCHETT Lettering: TOM FARM

AN ELDERLY HEDGEHOG IS CLAIMING TO BE SONIC FROM THE DISTANT FUTURE! SONIC AND THE GANG DOUBT HIS STORY, AND SO A DOCTOR RUNS VARIOUS TESTS...

THE DNA PATTERNS FROM YOUR CELL SAMPLES ARE IDENTICAL! LOOKS LIKE THIS IS YOUR FUTURE SELF, SONIC!

NO WAY! THIS HAS GOT TO BE A TRICK!

JUST GET THIS THROUGH YOUR SKULL, YOUNGSTER! I AM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! NOW WILL YOU LISTEN TO WHY I'M HERE OR NOT?

LET'S HEAR HIM OUT, SONIC!

DON'T TELL ME YOU BELIEVE THIS OLD FAKE, AMY!

THIS KINDA THING'S HAPPENED BEFORE! I BET IT'S METAMORPHIA THE SHAPE-SHIFTER!

BUT METAMORPHIA LOST HER SHAPE-CHANGING POWERS, SONIC! IT CAN'T BE HER!

"SEE 'MYSTERY VILLAIN' IN STC 83 - Megadroid"

FACE FACTS, KID! I'M THE REAL DEAL, SO BUTTON IT AND HEAR MY STORY!

HAH! AT LEAST IT SHOULD BE GOOD FOR A LAUGH!



"IT ALL STARTED WHEN I WAS YOUNGER. DOCTOR ROBOTNIK UNLEASHED A WEAPON WHICH DRILLED UP INTO THE STREETS OF THE CANDLEWICK GREEN ZONE. . ."

"IT WAS THEN THAT I MADE MY BIGGEST, MOST UNCOOL DECISION. . ."



WOW! WONDER IF THAT THING'S ARMED?

STAY COOL, JOHNNY! IT'S JUST A BIG DRILL! ATTACK!

"BUT IT WAS DEADLIER THAN I THOUGHT!"

ZZAPP!

NOOOO!

"SHOCKED BY WHAT I'D LED MY PALS INTO, I OFFERED NO RESISTANCE WHEN THE TROOPERS ARRIVED. . ."

THEY. . . THEY'RE ALL GONE!

FOR YOU, HEDGEHOG, THE WAR IS OVER!



"WITH NO ONE TO STOP HIM, ROBOTNIK TURNED MOBIUS INTO AN EVEN WORSE PLACE. . ."



"I BLAMED MYSELF FOR WHAT HAPPENED, AND BECAME A PRISONER OF ROBOTNIK'S FOR MANY YEARS. . ."



"MY ESCAPE ATTEMPTS FAILED — EXCEPT FOR THE LAST ONE!"



END OF STORY, DUDE!
I WOULD NEVER PUT
MY FRIENDS ON THE
LINE LIKE YOU DID!



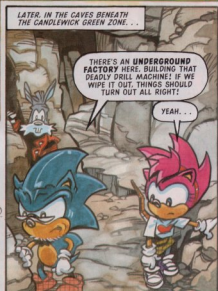
I ADMIT I MADE A DUMB
DECISION AND THEY PAID
THE PRICE! NOW I'M HERE
TO CHANGE HISTORY!



YOU STILL HAVEN'T
TOLD US HOW YOU
TRAVELLED BACK
TO OUR TIME!

WHEN I ESCAPED, ANY, I RAN FASTER THAN I'D EVER RAN
BEFORE! I GUESS MY SPEED BROKE THE TIME BARRIER!

OH, PLEASE!
WHAT
RUBBISH!





NEXT ISSUE: THE TANTALIZING TRUTH!



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SPECIAL CASE!

Hello STC,

I live in Germany and have a subscription to STC. However, this doesn't include the Sonic or Knuckles Specials, which I want desperately! As I can't go to the U.K. to buy them, and I don't know anyone over there who could send them to me, could you please let me know how I can order them?



Alessandro Sanasi,
Stein, Germany.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



For you Alessandro, and any other Boomers who've had difficulty obtaining the 'Specials' or back copies, contact...

A.I.M. Ltd., Subscriptions Department,
PO Box 10, Sunderland, SR4 6SN,
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Alessandro, there's obviously a different code from Deutschland, but remember that parent-humes can be a bit odd about international calls being made - even if it is in honour of a certain blue hedgehog!

Who said Doctor Robotnik didn't have a heart!



Jennifer Kitching, Yarm, Cleveland.
Sonic & Knuckles Hog Tag Winner.

A SHADE BETTER!

Dear Megadroid,

I'm glad to see that Sonic the Hedgehog 2 is being featured again in the Q Zone. Also, I thought I'd let you know that those shades you wear make you look as cool as a penguin with frost bite! Paul Edwards, Erdington, Birmingham.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



STC aims to please, Paul. As for the shades, it's to cover up the glazed, lifeless look I've developed since I began mixing with the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge!

DECAP A-BACK!

Dear STC,

Even though I live in South Africa, I've been collecting STC since it began. My favourite comic strip is 'Decap Attack', which is so funny. Will the mad Decappers be returning in the future?



Jeffrey Pearce,
Cape Town, South Africa.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Too f-right, Jeff! Lunacy is looming as the Professor, Chuck and Igor make a monster comeback in STC 89 - a mere two issues away.

EVEN FASTER THAN GIGGS



Joel Guthell & Andy Wong,
Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
Sonic & Knuckles Hog Tag Winners.



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TICK:-

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SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

THIS ISSUE'S
MEGA HITS!

1ST CHOICE

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3RD CHOICE

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 87

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A large, stylized illustration of the character Nights from the Sega Saturn game "Nights into Dreams...". The character is a purple, bat-like creature with large blue eyes, a wide smile, and a long, flowing purple cape. He is wearing a red and yellow suit with three yellow stars on the chest. He is posed in a dynamic, flying or falling position against a dark background.

NIGHTS

Sega's latest Saturn release!